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Foreword

This year (1984) marks the First International Computer Data Engineering Conference (COMPDEC). Our purpose is to provide a forum for the discussion of experience, practice and theory of automated data and knowledge management from an engineering point of view. We have an outstanding technical program, for which we extend our gratitude and congratulations to the Program Chairmen, Bruce Berra, Barry Boehm, Wesley Chu, Peter Wang, and Gio Wiederhold, and to their excellent Program Committee.

The topics in our program include logical and physical database design; data management methodologies; computer architectures for knowledge bases; technology, implementation and operation for data management; and specialized tools; as well as an excellent tutorial program organized and chaired by Dr. Robert Yacobellis and Dr. Peter Ng.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the many people who have contributed their efforts to this Conference: Professors Aldo Castillo and Mas Tsuchiya, for its organization; Drs. John Scanlon and Charles Bachman, for its Keynote Addresses; and Professor Benjamin Wah, for editing its Proceedings. Our sincere thanks to all of our dedicated and hardworking friends who made this Conference possible. We extend our hearty welcome to all of you.

C.V. Ramamoorthy
General Chairman

Program Chairman's Message

This is the first International Conference on Data Engineering. We view the field as being concerned with the role of data in the design, development and use of comprehensive information systems. It encompasses the more traditional aspects of databases, knowledge bases and general uses of data. The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for the discussion of experience, practice and theory of automated data and knowledge management from an engineering point of view. We have tried to create an environment conducive to free interchange of ideas among the various subcomponents of data engineering.

The conference is composed of contributed papers, invited papers, invited sessions, plenary speakers and plenary panels. We are indeed fortunate to have Dr. John Scanlon and Dr. Charles Bachman as plenary speakers on the morning of the first day. They will address various aspects of Data Enginnering. Following this we have a distinguished panel chaired by Dr. Barry Boehm that will address challenges in data engineering. Panelists include Dr. Charles Bachman, Mr. Ed Brennan, General Alan Salisbury, Dr. Gio Wiederhold and Dr. Stephen Yau. These plenary sessions will set the stage for the conference.

On the morning of the second day we are pleased to have Mr. M. Eddie Heironimus of the Internal Revenue Service to speak on information resources management within the IRS. On the morning of the last day we are pleased to have Dr. Denji Tajima as a plenary speaker on the subject of the Japanese software industry. This will be followed by a panel chaired by Dr. Charles Vick with distinguished panelists Dr. Tajima, Dr. David Opferman and Dr. Raymond Yeh. The topic of this panel will be new directions in software and data engineering. Finally, as the last session of the conference we will have a panel of distinguished persons chosen from the Program Committee consisting of Dr. Nick Cercone, Dr. Wesley Chu, Dr. Richard Shuey and Dr. Peter Wang. I will chair this session and it will be our task to assess what we have learned about data engineering in the process of preparing for and conducting this conference.

It is impossible to individually thank all the persons who contributed to the success of the First International Conference on Data Engineering, but I would like to mention a few. My special thanks go to Dr. C.V. Ramamoorthy for his leadership in preparing for this conference and to Drs. Barry Boehm, Wesley Chu, Peter Wang and Gio Wiederhold for their able contributions as Co-Program Chairmen. My thanks also go to the entire program committee, the authors and the reviewers. I would also like to thank Mike Liu, Robert Yacobellis, Peter Ng, Aldo Castillo, Mas Tsuchiya, Ben Wah, the tutorial presenters, the staff of the IEEE Computer Society, and Cher Grassmann.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the participants, for taking the time to attend this conference. I sincerely hope that it was time well spent.

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